

To the Commission:

I strenuously protest the decision the commission has made to change FCC rules regarding ownership of broadcast media. The decision works to the detriment of free speech in this country by further limiting ownership and, predictably, points of view expressed, political discussion, and possibilities for entertainment as well. As an entity of the US government, the FCC should be at least as responsive to the needs and rights of the people of the United States as it is to the interests of large corporations.

This momentous decision was made hurriedly, without sufficient time for public comment. As you know, the FCC's own limited provision for comment over the FCC Web site was unavailable for periods because of the large numbers of people who wished to comment. Many of those people--of whom I am one--were entirely unable to comment before the decision because of that unavailability.

I urge the Commission to reverse its decision, and to provide more time and more channels for public comment.